



# *Indiana Department of Revenue*

## *Motor Carrier Services Division*

# Indiana Trucking Tips



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## **Motor Carrier Calendar Notes**

### **October 31, 2002**

Third quarter Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (Form MCFT-101) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA-101) returns are due.

### **October 31, 2002**

Claims for Proportional Use Credit (Form MCS 1789) are due.

### **November 30, 2002**

2003 BAS-1A renewals for Interstate Single State Registration (SSRS) and/or US DOT (Intrastate) are due. Renewal forms will be mailed in September.

### **December 31, 2002**

Deadline for International Fuel Tax (IFTA) and Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (MCFT) decals must be displayed on the vehicle(s) on or before this date.

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## **2003 Interstate and/or Intrastate Renewal**

Your annual Interstate Single State Registration (SSRS), and/or US DOT (Intrastate) renewal application (Form BAS-1A) will be mailed out in the month of September. Your renewal application is due back in our office on or before November 30, 2002, in order for your credential(s) to be mailed to you on time. If you have questions about your renewal, please contact our office at (317) 615-7350 or email us at [sbowling@dor.state.in.us](mailto:sbowling@dor.state.in.us).

## **International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Renewal Season**

We are pleased to announce an improvement in our renewal process. In order to meet our goal of having all 2003 credentials in the mail by the end of November, we mailed out all renewal applications at the end of June. The deadline to return the renewals to our office was August 15, 2002. All renewals will be processed and mailed in the order received. For more information, please contact the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Section at (317) 615-7345.

## **State Holidays**

Our offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of state holidays:

### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 2, 2002

### **Columbus Day**

Monday, October 14, 2002

### **Election Day**

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

### **Veterans' Day**

Monday, November 11, 2002

### **Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday & Friday,  
November 28 and 29 (Lincoln's Birthday), 2002

## IRP Reminders

Renewals are mailed out according to registration months, which are now staggered throughout the year. For example, if you have a renewal month of December:

1. Your renewal application was mailed to you by August 15th.
2. You should have returned the completed renewal form by September 15th .
3. All payments are due upon receipt of your renewal billing statement.
4. All credentials will be mailed to you by October 15th, provided your payment was timely.
5. All payments are processed on a date-received basis.

All non-renewed license plates must be postmarked on or before the 17th day of your registration month. For example, your renewal month is December, your plate must be postmarked on or before December 17th.

All refund requests must be in writing, and sent along with the plates and cab cards. All requests must be postmarked on or before the 17th day of your registration month.

## U.S. Patriot Act

**Question:** What information is available regarding the implementation of the Patriot Act for commercial drivers who transport hazardous materials?

**Answer:** The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3162 (Act) on October 24, 2001 to deter terrorist acts in the United States and to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools. Section 1012 of this Act prohibits a state from issuing a HAZMAT endorsement until a background check on a driver applicant is completed. Formal rules to implement the Act are currently being promulgated by the federal government, so the summary presented here is subject to any provisions that the final rule **may contain**, once formally adopted.

Once a hazardous knowledge test is successfully completed, a driver applicant will be directed to a local law enforcement office for fingerprinting. The fingerprints will be sent electronically to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for a criminal background investigation. DOJ will then send the background investigation report to the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT will analyze the fingerprints and notify the issuing state whether or not the HAZMAT endorsement should be issued. If the proposed HAZMAT endorsement is denied, an appeal process may occur through DOT.

The application process will take between one and two months, with an estimated cost of \$25 for the fingerprints and an additional \$25 for the background check. Current HAZMAT endorsement holders will be grandfathered in, but they will need to apply for the background check five to six months prior to the expirations of their existing endorsements.

The State of Indiana is currently waiting for the Final Interim Rule for this Act to be published. Once the rule becomes effective, the Motor Carrier Services Division will make every effort to notify you of the specific details and requirements.



## Wondering Where Your Permit Is?

Are you wondering about the status of your request for an Oversized or Overweight vehicle permit? Fax us a Permit Inquiry Form, M-233I at (317) 821-2336, and you will know the status of your permit within three (3) hours. You can download the Form M-233I at [www.state.in.us/dor/mcs/forms.html](http://www.state.in.us/dor/mcs/forms.html).

## Contact Us...

### International Registration Plan

(317) 615-7340  
Fax (317) 821-2335

### International Fuel Tax / Motor Carrier Fuel Tax

(317) 615-7345  
Fax (317) 821-2337

### US DOT & Single State Registration

(317) 615-7350  
Fax (317) 821-2339

### Oversize/Overweight

(317) 615-7320  
Fax (317) 821-2336

### Commercial Drivers License

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### Hours of Operation

8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.